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TAGS: SREF, CVIS

SUBJECT: ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES

REF: STATE 055899 ATHENS 2029

1. IN VIEW URGENCY THIS MATTER, EMBASSY ASSUMES WORK
QUOTE WEEKS UNQUOTE IN SECOND PARAGRAPH OF STATE 055899
IS INADVERTENT ERROR AND SHOULD BE QUOTE DAYS UNQUOTE.
PLEASE CONFIRM.

2. STATE 055899 DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF TO QUESTION
RAISED IN SECOND PARAGRAPH OF ATHENS 2029, VIZ., CAN
VISAS DELTA BE CONSIDERED A SUFFICIENT REPLY FROM ALL
POSTS TO WHICH VISAS ALPHA CLEARANCE REQUEST MESSAGES
WILL BE SENT ON BEHALF ASSYRIAN, ARMENIAN AND COPTIC
REFUGEES? EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS SOONEST.

3. SIMILARLY, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS
SOONEST RE PARAGRAPH 3, ATHENS 2029, ON SUBJECT OF
DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEES WHO WILL BE
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CONSIDERED FOR NONPREFERENCE IMMIGRANT VISAS IN LIEU

OF SEVENTH PREFERENCE (CONDITIONAL ENTRY).

4. FIRST GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 150 REFUGEES ARRIVED ATHENS BY AIR FROM BEIRUT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 7. SECOND GROUP OF 150 WILL ARRIVE TODAY. UNHCR/WCC PLANS SEND ABOUT 150 REFUGEES TO ATHENS EVERY OTHER DAY UNTIL ALL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT. ATHENS INS ATTACHE IS IN BEIRUT INTERVIEWING CONDITIONAL ENTRANTS THIS WEEK AND WILL RETURN ATHENS AT END OF WEEK. WE INTEND BEGIN PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN ATHENS ON MONDAY MARCH 15, TO INCLUDE MEDICAL EXAMS AND INTERVIEWS. WE WILL COMPLETE PAPERWORK BUT HOLD VISAS IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESULTS VISA EAGLE AND ALPHA CHECKS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND FROM DE JONGER OF WCC/BEIRUT THAT SECURITY SITUATION AND WIDELY SCATTERED RESIDENCES OF REFUGEES IN LEBANON EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE ASSEMBLAGE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DATA FOR PREPARING VISAS EAGLE AND ALPHA MESSAGES ON REFUGEES PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN ATHENS. WE HAVE INFORMED UNHCR OFFICE IN ATHENS OF INFO REQUIRED FOR VISAS EAGLE AND ALPHA NAME CHECKS, AND EMBASSY ATHENS WILL INITIATE CLEARANCE REQUESTS AS SOON AS UNHCR MAKES DATA AVAILABLE.
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